



WOMEN'S DEMOCRACY NETWORK

EMPOWERING WOMEN WORLDWIDE



An active and robust democracy depends on the equal participation of women. For more than 25 years, the International Republican Institute has recognized the vital contributions women make to the political process. IRI has partnered with thousands of women to provide them with the resources and skills they need to participate more fully in politics and civil society. The Women's Democracy Network connects women leaders and aspiring leaders with their counterparts around the world to share best practices and learn new skills. Working together, members of the Network are building thriving communities and lasting democracies.





SKILLS BUILDING

The Women's Democracy Network conducts skills-building programs and workshops to provide women with the tools they need to compete effectively in politics and political campaigns. Training topics include campaign management and message development and delivery. Other programs focus on women in civil society and provide Network members with specialized leadership training and skills on how to work with local elected officials. Still other programs provide young women activists with the know-how to become active in their community.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Connecting women to exchange new ideas and information is one of the hallmarks of the Women's Democracy Network. Through its mentorship program, women leaders provide guidance and support to their younger counterparts who are eager to learn and apply lessons learned in their political party, civil society organization or as an effective legislator.

LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

The Women's Democracy Network provides a unique venue through which women members of parliaments around the world can meet one another and share best-practices. A key theme of workshops is how to organize a women's caucus so that women from across the political spectrum can find common ground to pass needed legislation.

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The Women's Democracy Network website provides members with updates on current Network activities, acts as a clearinghouse for members to exchange information with one another and gives members a secure forum for communication.

“NO SOCIETY CAN PROSPER WHEN HALF OF ITS POPULATION IS NOT ALLOWED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS PROGRESS. EDUCATED AND EMPOWERED WOMEN ARE VITAL TO DEMOCRACY — AND IMPORTANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES.”

~FORMER FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH



“I WAS INSPIRED BY THE EXPRESSIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN FROM AROUND THE WORLD. I QUICKLY DISCOVERED THAT THE CHALLENGES WOMEN FACE AROUND THE WORLD ARE THE SAME CHALLENGES WOMEN IN KENYA FACE. BUT WE MUST NEVER GIVE UP. WE MUST UNITE IN A COMMON RESOLVE.”


~FOUNDING WDN MEMBER RUTH K. ONIANG’O, KENYA

“WE KNOW
THAT IF WE ARE
UNITED, WE ARE
STRONGER.”

~WDN MEMBER
LILJANA ZATUROSKA,
MACEDONIA

Network members worldwide are contributing to the political debate in their communities by organizing public meetings, lobbying their local elected officials, establishing their own Network chapters, running for office and passing effective legislation once elected.





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